



**MATTHEWS, John Wesley, Jr. [D]**—(Dist. No. 39, Bamberg-Colleton-Dorchester-Hampton-Orangeburg Cos.)—Businessman/Retired Elementary School Principal; residing in Bowman, R-1; *b.* Apr. 21, 1940 in Bowman; *s.* the late John Wesley, Sr. and the late Victoria (Williams) Matthews; *g.* S.C. State Coll.; Orangeburg-Calhoun Tech. Coll., 1970–71; Lincoln Elec. Inst.,

Cleveland, Ohio, 1972; Hon. Ph.D., Coll. of Charleston; Hon. Ph.D., S.C. State Univ.; Feb. 5, 1961 *m.* Geraldine Hillard, 5 children, Cynthia John, Michael Andre, Stephanie Renata, John Wesley III, and Brian DeReef; *mem.*: Alpha Phi Alpha Frat.; former Chm., S.C. Legis. Black Caucus; Chm., Orangeburg Co. Legis. Delegation; Southern Regional Educ. Bd.; Gov.'s Middle Grades Task Force; Distinguished Alumni Award, S.C. State Univ.; Orangeburg Co. Dem. of the Year; Minority Bus. Advocate of the Year, U.S. Small Bus. Admin.; Induction in the S.C. Black Hall of Fame; S.C. Primary Health Care Legislator of the Year; *mem.*: Pineville United Methodist Church; *prev. serv.* in House 1975–84; Sen. 1985–09.

**McCONNELL, Glenn F.**, Pres. *Pro Tempore* (for biography and picture, see p. 19).



**McGILL, John Yancey [D]**—(Dist. No. 32, Florence-Georgetown-Horry-Williamsburg Cos.)—Real Estate Broker/Residential Homebuilder; residing at 309 Mingo Rd., Kingtree; *b.* Sept. 18, 1952 in Kingtree; *s.* the late Frank H. and Peggy (Tomlinson) McGill; attended The Citadel and Francis Marion Coll.; May 18, 1974 *m.* Pamela Jean Fennell, 3 children, Lisa, John, and

Maggie; past Chm., Deacon at Kingtree First Baptist Church; past Pres.: Kingtree Jaycees and Chamber of Commerce; Town Council, 1976–79; Mayor *Pro Tempore*, 1978–79; Mayor of Kingtree, 1984–88; Bd. of Dirs., Waccamaw Regional Planning & Dev. Council; past Chm., Waccamaw Industrial Revolving Loan Comm.; past *mem.*, State Dem. Party Exec. Com.; Chm., Waccamaw Regional Planning Dev. Council; *Outstanding Young Men of America*; Select Com. of the Educ.

Improvement Act; Amer. Legis. Exchange Council; Bd. of Visitors, Med. Univ. of S.C., 1990–91; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Assn. of Cos., 1993; Hon. Doctorate Degree, The Citadel, 1994; Hon. Doctorate Degree, Francis Marion Univ., 2001; Hon. Doctorate Degree, MUSC, 2004; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Assn. of Regional Councils, 1997; Primary Health Care Assn. Legis. Award, 1998; Senator of the Year, Amer. Legion, 1999; S.C. Counseling Assn. Legis. Award, 1999; Sen. Legislator of the Year by Assn. of Conservation Dists., 2002; Legislator of the Year by the S.C. Cable Television Assn., 2002; S.C. Assn. of Cos. Distinguished Serv. Award, 2008; mem., Sen. Fin. Exec. Com.; Chm., Fin. Subcom. on Natural Resources; Chm., NESA (North East Econ. Strategic Alliance; prev. serv. in Sen. 1989–09.

**MULVANEY, John Michael “Mick” [R]**—(Dist. No. 16, *Lancaster-York Cos.*)—Businessman; residing in Indian Land; *b.* in Alexandria, Va.; *g.* Georgetown Univ., B.S.F.S. Intl. Commerce and Fin., 1989; Univ. of N.C.-Chapel Hill, Law, 1992; Harvard Bus. School, OPM, 2006; *m.* Pamela West, 3 children; Bd. of Visitors, Univ. of S.C.-Lancaster; Bd. of Trustees, Springs Memorial Hosp.; Bd. of Dirs., Lancaster Co. Chamber of Commerce; Bd. of Dirs., United Way of Lancaster Co.; Pres., Indian Land Bus. Council; mem., Indian Land Action Council; charter mem., Indian Land Rotary; mem., Fort Mill Chamber of Commerce; St. Philip Neri Catholic Church/Our Lady of Grace; serv. in House 2007–08; Sen. 2009.



**NICHOLSON, Floyd “Coach Nick” [D]**—(Dist. No. 10, *Abbeville-Greenwood-Laurens Cos.*)—Retired Educator; residing at 527 Bryte St., Greenwood; *b.* July 26, 1949 in Greenwood; *s.* Marion N. and Nona Nicholson; *g.* S.C. State Univ., B.S., 1972; 1977 *m.* Mamie W., 3 children, Douglas Anthony, Cedric Antonio, and Floyd Michael; Greenwood City Council, 1982–93; Chm., Upper Savannah Council of Govts., 1990–92; Mayor, City of Greenwood, 1994–08; Hon. Doctor of Humanities, Lander Univ.,



1997; Pres., S.C. Municipal Assn., 2001; mem., Jim Rex Supt. of Educ. Transition Team, 2006; prev. serv. in Sen. 2009.



**O'DELL, William Hamilton "Billy" [R]**—(Dist. No. 4, *Abbeville-Anderson-Greenwood Cos.*)—CEO, O'Dell Corp., Inc.; residing at 144 Devon Park, Greenwood; *b.* Oct. 11, 1938 in Ware Shoals; *s.* William B. and Sara Francis O'Dell; *g.* The Citadel, B.A., 1960; *m.* Aedra Gail Tisdale, 2 children, William B. and Patricia Michelle; VC, School Dist. 51, 1974–81;

Dir., Southern Broom & Mop Assn., 1974; Pres., Southern Broom & Mop Assn., 1976; The Citadel Bd. of Visitors, 1981–89; Pres., Ware Shoals Chamber of Commerce, 1985–86; Dir., State Chamber of Commerce, 1985–88; Pres., Ware Shoals Comm. Foundation, 1985–88; Chm., Ware Shoals United Fund, 1986; VC, Abbeville Dev. Bd., 1987; Piedmont Tech. Bd. of Visitors, 1987–88; The Citadel Bd. of Visitors, 1990–91; recipient of Palmetto Award, The Citadel, 1994; CEO, The O'Dell Corp., 1997; Hon. Doctor of Bus., The Citadel, 1997; Hon. Doctors of Laws, Lander Univ., 2009; J. Verne Smith Humanitarian Award, 1998; Guardian of Small Bus., NFIB/SC, 1998; Legis. Award, S.C. Counseling Assn., 1999; Recognition of Serv., City of Anderson, 1999; Alumni Achievement Award, Camden Mil. Academy, 2000; Legislator of the Year, Dept. of Disabilities and Special Needs, 2001; Recognition of Serv., City of Belton, 2001; Resolution of Appreciation, Belton-Honea Path Water Authority, 2002; Bd. of Trustees, Camden Mil. Academy, 2004; Resolution of Appreciation, Co. of Greenwood, 2004; Legis. Appreciation Award by S.C. Assn. of Conservation Dists., 2006; Champion for Access to Healthcare, S.C. Primary Healthcare Assn., 2007; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Dental Assn., 2007; Small Bus. Legislator of the Year, 2007; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Emergency Med. Serv. Assn., 2006–07; Coms.: Fin.; Gen.; LCI; Rules; Invitations; Ag. Heads Salary Comm.; Jt. Bond Review; Deacon, Mt. Gallagher Baptist Church, 1977–81; mil. serv.: SCNG, 1956–58; prev. serv. in Sen. 1989–09.

**PEELER, Harvey Smith, Jr. [R]**—(Dist. No. 14, *Cherokee-Spartanburg-Union-York Cos.*)—Dairyman/Businessman; residing at 3033 Old Georgia Hwy., Gaffney; *b.* Sept. 8, 1948 in Gaffney; *s.* the late H. Smith, Sr. and Sally (Bratton) Peeler; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.S., 1970; Aug. 8, 1969 *m.* Ila LaDonna Caudill, 3 children, Brantlee Rene, Harvey Smith III, and Boone Solomon; *mem.*: Gaffney First Baptist Church; Mason; Shriner; Amer. Jersey Cattle Assn.; Amer. Legion; Cherokee Co. Council, 1977–80; Sen. Majority Leader, 2005–; *mil. serv.*: Lt., USA, 1970–72; *prev. serv.* in Sen. 1981–09.



**PINCKNEY, Clementa Carlos [D]**—(Dist. No. 45, *Beaufort-Charleston-Colleton-Hampton-Jasper Cos.*)—Presiding Elder (Minister), Wateree Dist. AME Church; residing in Ridgeland; *b.* July 30, 1973 in Beaufort; *s.* John and the late Theopia (Stevenson) Pinckney; *g.* Allen Univ., B.A., 1995; Princeton Univ. Research Fellow, Summer, 1994; Univ. of S.C., Master of Public Admin., 1999; Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, 2008; Oct. 23, 1999 *m.* Jennifer Benjamin, 2 children, Eliana Yvette and Malana Elise; *prev. serv.* in House 1997–00; Sen. 2001–09.



**RANKIN, Luke A. [R]**—(Dist. No. 33, *Horry Co.*)—Atty.; residing at 3745 Waterford Dr., Myrtle Beach; *b.* Apr. 9, 1962 in Horry Co.; *s.* O. A. and Dorothy S. Rankin; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1984, J.D., 1987; 2 children, Luke, Jr. and Hollings; *prev. serv.* in Sen. 1993–09.







**REESE, Glenn G. [D]**—(Dist. No. 11, *Spartanburg* Co.)—Businessman, owner of Krispy Kreme Doughnut Co., Spartanburg, S.C.; residing at 507 Fagan Dr., Lake Bowen, Inman 29349; *b.* Jan. 6, 1942 in Greenville; *s.* Wilford William and Geneva Margaret Reese; *g.* Chapman High School, 1959; Mars Hill Coll., A.A., 1961; Auburn Univ., B.A., 1963; Converse Coll., M.A.,

1967; worked through coll. as a barber at the Tiger Barber Shop and as a lifeguard & water safety instructor at Silver Lake and Rainbow Lake; June 19, 1970 *m.* Janis Elizabeth Dearybury, 4 children, Glenn, Jr., John David, Kathryn, and Michael; Intl. Sports Official, 1977–99; Sports Comr., 1977–00; Sports Official, 1963–01; Public School Teacher, 1963–85; High School Sports Official in football, basketball & baseball; officiated Div. I NCAA basketball for 15 years, Southern Conf.; officiated five natl. coll. championships in basketball; officiated in four foreign countries: Soviet Union, Poland, Austria & Germany; officiated Good-Will Game Trials in 1986; supvr. for the NCAA & NAIA; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Pharmacy Assn., 2000; Legislator of the Year by the Retired Teacher Assn., 2004; Legislator of the Year by the Police Benevolent Assn., 2004; Bd. mem., Small Bus. (Chamber of Commerce); Deacon, Boiling Springs First Baptist Church; prev. serv. in Sen. 1991–09.



**ROSE, Michael T. [R]**—(Dist. No. 38, *Dorchester-Charleston* Cos.)—Businessman/Atty.; residing at 409 Central Ave., Summerville; *b.* Oct. 13, 1947 in Charleston; *s.* the late Artman A. Rose and the late Lynnette M. Pullen; *g.* USAF Academy, B.S., 1969, majoring in Intl. Affairs; N.Y. Univ. School of Law, J.D., 1973; Harvard Bus. School, M.B.A., 1981; Editor, N.Y. Univ.

*Law Review*, 1971–73; licensed to practice law by five states and numerous fed. courts; Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers, Martindale-Hubbell; rated “AV” (highest professional atty. rating) by Martindale-Hubbell; subject of case study at Harvard Bus. School; winner of Uhlmann Award for best agri-bus.

research report at Harvard Bus. School, 1981; Assoc. Atty. at major law firm and founder and Pres. of various entrepreneurial companies; May 25, 1985 *m.* Vivian Osborn; founder and Exec. Dir., The Farmers Assistance Relief Mission, Inc., and "Adopt-A-Cow" Program; received Order of the Palmetto from Gov. Carroll A. Campbell, Jr. and commendations from S.C. General Assembly, 1987; Outstanding Young Man of America; winner and plaintiff of landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision about Freedom of Info. Act; guest lecturer, various univs., colls., professional organizations, and television programs, including on CBS "60 Minutes"; author of book published by N.Y. Univ. & various articles; Eagle Scout with three palms; staff mem., Boy Scout World Jamboree, Idaho, 1967 and Camp Ho-Non-Wah staff, Wadmalaw Island, S.C., 1961-63; Brotherhood Mem., Order of the Arrow; mem., Unali-yi Dancers, 1961-63; mem., Bethany United Methodist Church; former precinct off. and mem. of Platform Com.; S.C. Rep. Party, 1989; Dist. Chm., Natl. Fed. of Rep. Men, 1991-92; Dorchester Co. Rep. Party; Chm., Strom Thurmond for Sen. Campaign; Chm., Dorchester Co. Legis. Delegation, 1989-90, 1994; VC, Rep. Forum; S.C. Chm., Amer. Legis. Exchange Council, 1990-92; "Outstanding State Legislator," Amer. Legis. Exchange Council, 1990; Friend of Taxpayer Award, S.C. Taxpayers Assn., 1991; Leadership with Ethics Reform Award from Common Cause, 1991; "Most Conservative Senator" by S.C. Policy Council, 1990, 1991; "Distinguished Serv. Award" for being Outstanding State Legislator, from Natl. Assn. for Uniformed Servs. (1994); endorsed by Sierra Club for being pro-environment (1992); selected to "Who's Who in America," 1996; "Who's Who in Amer. Politics," 2003; mil. serv.: Regular Off., USAF, 1969-74; retired as Major in USAFR; Air Force Commendation Medal, 1990; prev. serv. in Sen. 1988-97, 2009.



**RYBERG, W. Greg [R]**—(Dist. No. 24, *Aiken Co.*)—CEO, REI, Inc.; residing at 356 Park Ave. S.W., Aiken; Dec. 28, 1968 *m.* Elizabeth Rose Denkwalter; VC, Econ. Dev. Partnership, 1992; Eau Claire, Wis., 1957 Marble Champion; 1994 Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce “Business-person of the Year”; 1998 BIPEC Guardian of Small Bus. Award; 1998 Ernst & Young

Entrepreneur of the Year for the Carolinas; 2004 and 2005 S.C. Taxpayers Assn. Friend of the Taxpayer Award; mil. serv.: USA Reserves Natl. Guard, 1968–74; prev. serv. in Sen. 1993–09.



**SCOTT, John L., Jr. [D]**—(Dist. No. 19, *Richland Co.*)—Owner/Broker-In-Charge, J. L. Scott Realty Co., Inc./Pres., C & S Consulting Group; residing at 215 Elmont Dr., Columbia; *b.* Oct. 21, 1953 in Richland Co.; *s.* John L., Sr. and Gracie W. Scott; *g.* S.C. State Univ., B.S., 1975; *m.* Joan Crouch, 1 child, John L. III; New Ebenezer Baptist Church, Church Clerk, 1980–95,

Trustee Bd., 1980–05, Deacon, 2005–; mem.: Sen. Jud. Com.; Med. Affairs Com.; Corrections and Penology Com.; prev. serv. in House Dec. 4, 1990–08; Sen. 2009.



**SETZLER, Nikki Giles [D]**—(Dist. No. 26, *Aiken-Lexington-Saluda Cos.*)—Atty.; residing in West Columbia; *s.* Harry Earl and Verna Leona (Parker) Setzler; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1968, J.D., 1971; Aug. 16, 1969 *m.* Ada Jane Taylor, 4 children, Tara Nikole, Jamie Leona, Sabra Taylor, and Amber Jane; mem., Adv. Group for Southern Regional Educ. Bd.; Outstanding Leader-

ship Award, Gov.’s School for the Arts, 1990; Legis. Award for South Carolinians with Disabilities by S.C. Vocational Rehabilitation Assn., 1991; Outstanding Senator for Continued Support of Public Educ., S.C. School Bds. Assn., 1991; Award for Support for Educ., Palmetto State Teachers Assn., 1991; Outstanding Leadership and Contributions to Educ. Award

by S.C. Council of Elementary School Principals, 1990–91; Future Farmers of America Hon. Chap. Degree, 1992; Appreciation Award by Cola. Coll. Bd. of Visitors, 1988–92; School Health Serv. Award, 1992; Hon. Doctorate of Humane Letters, Univ. of Charleston, 1992; Legislator of the Year Award by Independent Colls. and Univs. of S.C., Inc., 1993; Commendation by S.C. Counseling Assn., 1994–95; Outstanding Serv. Award by S.C. Agric. Educ. Progs., 1994; Richard W. Riley Award for Exceptional Leadership and Commitment by S.C. Consortium for Gifted Educ., 1995; Carl Perkins Humanitarian of the Year Award for S.C., 1995; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Assn. of School Librarians, 1995; Hon. Doctorate of Educ., Cola. Coll., 1997; Public Servant of the Year by S.C. Chamber of Commerce, 1998; Award in Appreciation of Unrelenting Efforts on Behalf of the Parents and Young Children of S.C. by Dept. of Educ. Parenting/Family Literacy Initiatives, 1999; W. J. Castine Partner in Progress Award for Exemplary Serv. to S.C. Elementary and Middle Schools, 1999; Distinguished Serv. Award for Contributions to Higher Educ. and Student Fin. Assistance Progs., 1999; Award for Exceptional Leadership and Commitment to Tech. Educ., 1999; Award of Appreciation for support by S.C. FFA Assn., 2000; Hon. Amer. FFA Degree by Natl. FFA Organization, 2000; Friend of Reading Recovery Award for outstanding contributions, 2000; Outstanding Policy Leader from S.C. State Bd. of Educ., 2000; Award for Exemplary Serv. to Public Educ. by S.C. Assn. of Teacher Educators, 2001; Outstanding Serv. Award, S.C. Educ. Assn.—Retired, 2002; Friend of the Taxpayer Award, S.C. Assn. of Taxpayers, 2002; honored by the Amer. Inst. of Architects, S.C. Chap., 2004; Recognition by S.C. School Nurses, 2002; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Assn. of the Deaf, 2005; Outstanding Contributions to Public Educ., Gov.'s Workforce Educ. Task Force & Supt. of Educ., 2005; Hon. Doctorate of Laws, Univ. of S.C., 2008; prev. serv. in Sen. 1977–09.



**SHEHEEN, Vincent A.** [D]—(Dist. No. 27, Chesterfield-Kershaw-Lancaster Cos.)—Atty.; s. Fred and Rose Sheheen; g. Clemson Univ., B.A., 1993; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1996; May 13, 1995 *m.* Amy Renee Uhl, 3 children, Austin, Joseph, and Anthony; Law Clerk, U.S. Dist. Judge Joseph F. Anderson, Jr., 1996–98; prosecutor for City of Camden, 2000; Adjunct Instructor,

Univ. of S.C. School of Law, 1998–01; prev. serv. in House 2001–04; Sen. Feb. 3, 2004–09.



**SHOOPMAN, Phillip W.** [R]—(Dist. No. 5, Greenville Co.)—Professional Engineer; residing at 4455 Skyland Dr., Greer; g. Purdue Univ., B.S.M.E., 1992, M.S.E., 1994; mem., State Bd. of Educ., 2004–06; Chm., Greer Comm. Ministries, 2006–07; VC, Greer Chamber of Commerce, 2006; Chm., Regional Air Quality Steering Com., 2001–03; Chm., Greenville Co. Planning

Comm., 2001–03; Del., Rep. Natl. Convention, 2004; Friend of the Taxpayer, 2007; mem.: Greenville Symphony Adv. Council, 2009; Peace Center's Bd. of Trustees, 2009; Fellow Liberty Fellowship Class of 2009; S.C. House of Reps. Majority Whip, 2007; prev. serv. in House 2007–08; Sen. 2009.



**THOMAS, David Lloyd** [R]—(Dist. No. 8, Greenville Co.)—Atty.; b. 1949 in Seneca; s. Harry Lee and the late Mary Thomas; g. Univ. of N.C., Charlotte, B.A., 1971; Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., M.Div., 1975; Texas Christian Univ., M.A., 1979; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1995; Sept. 15, 1984 *m.* Fran Thressia Bauman; mem., Greenville City Council,

1979–84; Mayor *Pro Tempore*, 1983–84; prev. serv. in Sen. 1985–09.

**VERDIN, Daniel Byron III [R]**—(Dist. No. 9, Greenville-Laurens Cos.)—Owner, Verdin's Farm & Garden Center; residing in Laurens; *b.* May 9, 1964 at England Air Force Base in Alexandria, La.; *s.* Daniel B. Verdin, Jr. and Eloise Watts Verdin; *g.* Bob Jones Univ., B.A., 1986; Sept. 26, 1987 *m.* Kimberlee Diane Owens, 4 children, Annemarie, Daniel, Whitson, and Caroline; Agric. & Natural Resources Advisor, Gov.'s Off., 1987–89; Chair, Agric. & Natural Resources Com., 2007–10; Majority Whip for Sen. Rep. Caucus, 2009; Div. Comdr. Sons of Confederate Veterans, 1998–00; Laurens Co. Cattlemen's Assn.; Hickory Tavern Young Farmers, Mountville Grange; Joanna Lions Club; 2006 Friend of SCAV, S.C. Assn. of Veterinarians; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Farm Bureau, 2006; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Veterinarians Assn., 2007; Legislator of the Year, Palmetto Cycling Coalition, 2008; Sen. Legis. Champion, Palmetto Family Council, 2007–08; S.C. Quality of Life Award, S.C. Realtors Assn., 2008; Friend of the Taxpayer Award, 2008, S.C. Taxpayers Assn.; Hon. State FFA Degree, 2009; John W. Parris Agricultural Leadership Award, 2009, by the S.C. Agricultural Educators Assn.; 2009 Advocate of the Year, S.C. Advocates for Agric.; Hon. Chair for the 2009 State 4-H Congress; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Poultry Fed., 2009; 2010 Bus. Advocate Award, S.C. Chamber of Commerce; mem., Faith Free Presbyterian Church; prev. serv. in Sen. 2001–09.



**WILLIAMS, Kent M. [D]**—(Dist. No. 30, Dillon-Florence-Marion-Marlboro Cos.)—Dep. Co. Admin.; residing at 4205 Stirk Place, Marion; *b.* Sept. 15, 1960 in Marion; *s.* James and Thelma Howard Williams; *g.* Florence Darlington Tech. Coll., A.S., 1981; S.C. State Univ., B.S., 1987; single; Independence Fed. Savings and Loan Bank, Washington, D.C., 1985–86; S.C. State Univ., 1986–90; Clemson Extension Serv., 1990–99; Chm., Marion Co. Bd. of Educ., 1998–04; Marion Co. March of Dimes, Co-Chm., 2003; Gov. Carroll Campbell appointee to



S.C. State Agricultural Comm.; Twelfth Judicial Circuit Youth Council Bd.; Marion Co. Duke Endowment Bd.; Rural Comm. Dev. Bd.; Treas. & Dir., Marion Dist. A.M.E. Church Boy Scouts; Pee Dee Adv. Bd., Wachovia Bank; mem. & steward, St. James A.M.E. Church; prev. serv. in Sen. 2005–09.